

In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph at page 3, line 20 to page 4, line 14, as follows:

Two further conventional processes for forming a contoured skin sheet with a surface texture are the powder and spray ~~slush~~ slush methods. In the powder ~~slush~~ slush method, a thin galvanically fabricated zinc sheet is used as a contoured and textured mold which is heated and dipped into or coated with a polymer powder such as a polyvinyl chloride (PVC) powder, which then melts and forms a corresponding contoured and textured PVC skin on the zinc mold. The skin is peeled off, and can thereafter be applied onto a molded substrate. Alternatively, in the spray ~~slush~~ slush method, a liquid polymer such as polyurethane is sprayed onto the textured mold to form a textured skin, which can thereafter be peeled off and applied on a molded substrate. These ~~slush~~ slush skin methods are rather complicated, time consuming, and costly due to several additional required steps. Moreover, these processes generally use polyvinyl chloride and polyurethane materials, which are becoming ever more undesirable because they are not easily recycled, and they represent toxic risks and disposal problems. Also, the thin mold sheets have a relatively short useful life cycle, which leads to high tooling costs, and the surface textures that can be achieved are limited. Also, the conventional patterning or texturing processes all involve additional steps and additional work effort, beyond the molding operation itself.

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